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The map illustrates the Turkana region, which is bordered by Sudan to the north, Ethiopia to the northeast, Kenya to the east, Uganda to the south, and West Pokot to the southwest. The region is divided into several sub-regions, with Kibito highlighted in pink and circled in red. Other sub-regions shown include Lodwickhokio, Kaabong, Loyago, Kotido, Lorian, Lodwar, Lokichar, and Kaputurr. The lake is depicted in blue on the eastern side of the region.

This initiative is set in the Turkana District of Kenya and Dodoth County in Kotido District of Uganda (circled area). Both the Turkana and the Dodoth are pastoralists, and the main source of conflict between the communities is competition over scarce natural resources. Disputes over access, control, and use of water and pasture for livestock grazing and isolated incidents of livestock theft are often triggers for violent conflict, including associated cycles of reprisal and revenge killings. Widespread availability of automatic weapons and the general absence of state security in the area have been important accelerators of violence and its consequences. Community leaders on both sides of the border have indicated a strong commitment to ending the cycle of violence and have pointed to the need for enforceable protocols to guide watering and grazing arrangements and to regulate behavior and interaction between the two communities.

The *Dodoth-Turkana Conflict Mitigation Initiative* was initiated in February 2005 and has a planned duration of 12 months. The aim of the program is to promote peaceful co-existence and the sustainable sharing of natural resources between the Dodoth and Turkana communities. The initiative provides the two communities with an opportunity to engage in creative problem-solving and inter-community negotiation processes around the critical issues of access, use and control of watering points and grazing areas.

- Contribute to the peaceful coexistence and restoration of good relations between the Dodoth and Turkana communities;
- Encourage the communities to engage in amicable and sustainable sharing of natural resources (water and pasture);
- Support increased inter-community socio-economic interaction; and
- Strengthen the early warning and conflict prevention capability of communities and other actors.



Turkana Women's Peace Crusade

4. Implementing Partners

The initiative is implemented in partnership with civil society organizations (CSOs) and community based organizations (CBOs) on both sides of the border and in cooperation with local and national government. Implementing Kenyan partners are Riam Riam Turkana and the District Peace and Development Committee for Turkana District. The principal Ugandan partner is the Kotido Peace Initiative (KOPEIN)-a faith-based institution.

5. Principal Activities

Principal activities supported are:

- Rehabilitation of water pans for livestock
- Repair and rehabilitation of the Kamion-Oropoi road.
- Strengthening of cross-border community negotiation teams and peace committees.
- Organization and facilitation of cross-border community dialogue and confidence-building processes.
- Provision of CMPR training and capacity building to CBO and CSO partners.



Joint Community Rehabilitation of Kamion Road in Uganda

5. Expected Results and Outcomes

- Negotiated agreements on migration procedures, watering and grazing arrangements.
- Reduction of tensions and violence associated with competition over natural resources.
- Increased socio-economic interaction between the two communities along the rehabilitated Kamion-Oropoi Road.

- More effective joint early warning and rapid response interventions to prevent escalation of conflict following violent incidents.
- Enhanced local institutional capacity for conflict management.

7. Progress to Date

Notable progress and highlights achieved to date are:

- In May 2005 Dodoth community leaders voluntarily returned to his family a 14 year old Turkana child who had been lost and captured during a violent livestock raid as a tangible sign of improved intercommunity relations and willingness to resolve issues peacefully.
- Refurbishment of the Ugandan side of the cross-border Kamion-Oropoi road was completed in July, 2005.
- Three cross-border dialogue conferences have been convened which have improved communications between the Dodoth and the Turkana communities and enhanced cooperation between the two communities in facilitating the return of stolen livestock without resort to violence.
- Almost 20 community mobilization, sensitization and confidence building meetings have been conducted in the project area.
- Numerous rapid response activities jointly initiated by government and civil society to forestall potential raids and prevent escalating tensions.



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